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RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES (RBS) LETTER NO. 04-12

TO: SELECTED COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
SELECTED COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
SELECTED COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SELECTED RBS PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXTENDED FOSTER CARE (EFC)
AID CODES FOR RBS NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (NMD),
EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (ETR) AND
SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE (SCA)

REFERENCE: PUBLIC LAW 110-351, OCTOBER 7, 2008, ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 12
(CHAPTER 559, STATUTES OF 2010), AB 118 (CHAPTER 40,
STATUTES OF 2011) AND ABX1 16 (CHAPTER 13,
STATUTES OF 2011 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION), COUNTY
FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 12/13-03 DATED JULY 30, 2012,
CFL NO. 11/12-41 DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2012, CFL NO. 11/12-32
DATED DECEMBER 14, 2011, CFL NO. 11/12-18 DATED
SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, CFL NO. 11/12-05 DATED
FEBRUARY 28, 2012, ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 12-32
DATED JULY 19, 2012, ACL NO. 11-61 DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2011,
ACL NO. 11-51 DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2011, WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE (W&IC) SECTION 11461(F)(5)(B)

This letter provides claiming instructions for EFC NMDs participating in RBS for the January 2012 claim forward and provides information on the eligibility for ETR and SCA.

Extended Foster Care Non-Minor Dependents

Effective January 1, 2012, aid codes 43 and 49 were established to capture federal and non-federal EFC assistance costs (see ACL No. 12-32). This includes costs for NMDs age 18 but under age 21 who are eligible to participate in the EFC program. The new EFC aid codes will be included on the revised RBS claims and counties will be eligible to use these codes retroactive to January 2012. Funding for the EFC program is impacted by Realignment 2011. Under realignment, the state share column on both the CA 800 RBS FC/EFC NONFED (06/12) and the RBS FC FED (10/12) has been re-titled

to "County 2011." Please refer to CFL No. 11/12-18 for additional realignment information.

Below is a chart that provides a cross reference from the original Foster Care (FC) federal and non-federal aid codes to the federal and non-federal EFC aid codes.

**CROSS REFERENCE LIST OF FC UNDER 18 AID CODES AND
NEW EFC OVER 18 AID CODES**

Under 18 Aid Code	Current Description	EFC Over 18 Aid Code	EFC Aid Code Description
40	Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) State: Covers non-Title IV-E eligible children on whose behalf financial assistance is provided for foster care placement.	43	EFC AFDC-FC Non-Federal: Covers non Title IV-E eligible NMDs, age 18 but under age 21 who meet one of the five participation conditions, and on whose behalf financial assistance is provided for foster care placement.
42	AFDC-FC Federal: Covers Title IV-E eligible children on whose behalf financial assistance is provided for foster care placement.	49	EFC AFDC-FC Federal: Covers Title IV-E eligible NMDs, age 18 but under age 21 who meet one of the five participation conditions, on whose behalf financial assistance is provided for foster care placement.

Educational Travel Reimbursement

Youth placed in a Group Home (GH) placement are not eligible to receive ETR. Youth that are in a community-based placement and are still in high school, under age 19 and placed in either a Foster Family Home (FFH) or Foster Family Agency are eligible to receive ETR. If it is determined that a youth is eligible to receive ETR, claim forms will be available on the California Department of Social Services Extranet. Please refer to ACL No. 11-51, dated September 23, 2011, for program instructions.

The ETR was effective for counties use in October 2011. A claiming mechanism for the December 2011 quarter for ETR was inadvertently omitted. A letter is forthcoming detailing the instructions for a one-time adjustment to this claim.

Youth who are in the EFC program are eligible to receive ETR if the NMD is 18 years of age. Once the NMD turns 19 or completes the educational or training program, the NMD will no longer be eligible to receive ETR. On or after January 1, 2012, eligible NMDs may receive ETR if the NMD is placed in an approved home of a relative, as stated in W&IC Section 11253.

Supplemental Clothing Allowance

Youth placed in a GH or FFH placement are not eligible to receive the SCA. In accordance with AB 106, which modified W&IC section 11461(f) (5) (B), the state is no longer providing a SCA of \$100 per child to FFHs effective July 1, 2011. Counties may continue to provide a SCA using their county or Local Revenue Funds. Pursuant to AB 118 and ABX1 16, funding for FC has been realigned effective July 1, 2011; therefore, counties must pay 100 percent of the non-federal share.

Correction to RBS Claim

Claims for the March 2012, June 2012 and September 2012 quarters will be posted a week after this letter is released and will be due by November 20, 2012.

The RBS claim for the September and December 2011 quarter has been revised. Previously, cell L47 in the County/County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act template on the prior period adjustment claim contained a formula error that resulted in incorrect results. A correction has been made to the claim.

If you have any fiscal policy questions, please contact Linda Orozco in the Fiscal Policy Bureau at (916) 651-8053. Assistance Claiming Questions can be directed to assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding realignment may be directed to CDSSAB118@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janna Richardson for".

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